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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the DOE recommend to President George W. Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Much effort has gone into the feasibility of this site with favorable results. My fears are the more time that is spent deciding where to store this fuel, the less time we have to address our future energy needs. In this time of world crisis, we need to rely solely on our own self-generating electricity capacity. Reliance on foreign (Middle-Eastern) oil for future electricity generation could put our nation at risk.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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